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ESTIMATES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 1978

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1. THE BUNDESBANK HAS RELEASED PRELIMINARY SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NATIONAL ACCOUNTS ESTIMATES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY (BONN 11354), REAL GNP DURING THE FIRST QUARTER WAS ONLY FRACTIONALLY HIGHER THAN DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER. GAINS IN PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION WERE OFFSET BY LOSSES IN FIXED INVESTMENT AND, PARTICULARLY, A REDUCED NET FOREIGN BALANCE REFLECTING A SLOWDOWN OF EXPORTS AND A JUMP OF IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 1977 FIGURES REMAINED UNCHANGED EXCEPT FOR A DM 0.1 BILLION SHIFT IN INVENTORY ACCUMULATION FROM THE SECOND TO THE FIRST QUARTER. UNCLASSIFIED

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2. PERTINENT TABLE FOLLOWS.

FRG GNP, SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED BUNDESBANK ESTIMATES

BILLION DM, IN TERMS OF CONSTANT - 1970 - PRICES

1977 1978

1ST Q 2ND Q 3RD Q 4TH Q 1ST Q

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GNP 201.5 201.3 201.2 204.0 204.2 PRIV. CONSUMP. 112.0 111.8 114.2 114.3 115.7 GOV. CONSUMP. 35.4 35.5 35.7 35.9 36.4

INVEST. IN:

EQUIPMENT 18.1 17.9 18.3 18.7 18.6 CONSTRUCT. 26.8 26.5 25.9 26.3 26.0

CHANGE IN

INVENT. 1/ 2.7 2.2 2.6 1.1 1.3

NET FOREIGN

 BALANCE
 6.5
 7.4
 4.5
 7.7
 6.2

 EXPORTS
 57.0
 57.5
 57.5
 59.3
 59.6

 IMPORTS
 50.5
 50.1
 53.1
 51.6
 53.3

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